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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL (HEADS OF GOVERNMENT) MEETING COPENHAGEN,
APRIL 7-8: MARINE POLLUTION

REF: COPENHAGEN 2332

AS PART OF READ-OUT BY DANES OFFER EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING,
FOLLOWING PAPER ON MARINE POLLUTION WAS GIVEN US:

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MMARINE POLLUTIOON

AFTER HEARING A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
CONCERNING THE RUNNING AGROUND OF AN OIL TANNKER ON THE FRENCH
COAST, AND BEARING IIN MIND THE MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN AND THE
PROPOSALS ALREADY PUT FORWARD BY THE COMMISSION AND BY SOME MEMBERS
STATES CONCERNING THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION AND THE IMPOSITION

OF MINIMUM STANDARDS ON SHIPS, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

1. CONSIDERS THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD MAKE THE PREVENTION AND COM-
BATING OF MARINE POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY FROM HYDROCARBONS, A
MAJOR OBJECTIVE,

22. CONSEQUENTLY INVITES THE COUNCIL, ACTING ON PROPOSALS FROM THE
COMMISSION, AND THE MEMBER STATES FORTHWITH TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
MEASURES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO ADOPT COMMON ATTITUDES IN THE
COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES CONCERNING IN PARTICULAR:

A(A) THE SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL RULES,
IN PARTICULAR THOSE REGARDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION
OF SHIPS;

(B) THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS THROUGH CO-ORDINATED ACTION BY THE
MEMBER STATES

- WITH REGARD TO A SATISFACTORY FUNCTIONING OF THE SYSTEM OF
COMPULSORY SHIPPING LANES,

- AND WITH REGARD TO MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER VESSELS WHICH
DO NOT MEET THE STANDARDS;

(C) THE SEARCH FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO
COMBAT POLLUTION.
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COMMENT: DANES SAID THIS WAS FRENCH SUGGESTION, WHICH COUNCIL AGREED
TO UNANIMOUSLY. SPECIAL WORKING GROUP WILL BE SET UP TO COORD-
INATE PROPOSALS FROM COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES. THESE PROPOSALS
WILL THEN BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. DEAN UNQUOTE
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